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Rules for admission into the Engineering Colleges.

* 138 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: With reference to the statement made by the Hon. the Minister for Education in answering question No. 45 (18) on the 14th August 1948 will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India of their own accord or on representation made by any one else called for the explanation of the Government of Madras in regard to rules governing the admission into the Engineering Colleges;

(*b*) what the nature of the communication of the Government of India was; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to place the whole correspondence on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

" (*a*) & (*b*) With reference to certain allegations in the Central Assembly by Srimathi Durga Bai, the Government of India asked for information regarding the procedure adopted in making admissions to colleges in this Province and that was supplied to them.

" (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to unstarred question No. 3 answered on 13th August 1948."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" With reference to clause (*c*), the answer given previously was that the correspondence could not be placed on the table of the House."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

" Yes, Sir, that was the answer."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" May I know whether the Madras Government represented to the Government of India that complaints about the communal rule governing admission into the Engineering Colleges were received mainly from Brahmans?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

" Yes, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" Is it not a fact that the Indian Christian Community also is for the abolition of the communal Government Order and that the hon. Dr. John, in a broadcast speech made in April, said that it must be scrapped?"

MR. PRESIDENT:—" I think the reference is to complaints received by the Government and not to any broadcast speech."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" Have not any other community than the Brahman community made any complaints?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

" It is evident from the interest that the hon. Member shows in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" In view of the fact that the allegations were made in the Constituent Assembly and

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and the attention of the public has been pointedly drawn, is it not desirable to place the correspondence on the table?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"Usually correspondence between Governments is treated as confidential."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"I remember to have read some time back in the papers a communiquè or note by the Government of India."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"I sent a copy of the reply that I received from the Government of India to all the papers in Madras. But 'Swatantra' alone published it about two weeks ago. The matter is important and that is why I am asking the Hon. Minister about it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member may put the question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know if this Government have said that the general instructions given by Sri C. Rajagopalachariar in 1938, when he was the Prime Minister, are being followed by this Government?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"The Government Colleges are of two kinds. One is the professional college and the other is the Arts College. With regard to admission to Arts Colleges, the instructions issued at the time when Sri C. Rajagopalachariar was the Prime Minister are being followed."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"The question is with regard to admission to professional colleges."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"The Government have not said to anybody or anywhere that admission to professional colleges are governed by rules issued by the Government in 1938 or 1939."

SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAN CHETTIYAR :—"இதுவரையில் இஞ்சினீயரிங் காலேஜில் பிராமணர்கள் அதிகமாக படித்திருக்கிறார்களா அல்லது பிராமணரல்லாதார்கள் அதிகமாக படித்திருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"இது சம்பந்தமாக எந்த வருஷத்தில் என்று குறிப்பாக சொல்லாவிட்டால் இதற்கு பதில் சொல்வது கஷ்டமாக இருக்கும்."

SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAN CHETTIYAR :—"நடைமுறையிலிருக்கும் வருஷத்தில் கணக்கு என்ன என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"எந்த வருஷத்திலிருந்து எந்த வருஷம் வரையில் என்று சொல்வது எண்ணிக்கையைப் பார்த்தால் தான் சொல்லமுடியும் மொத்தமாக பல பேர்கள் படித்திருக்கிறார்கள். குறிப்பாக எண்ணிக்கை என்ன என்று சொல்வது கஷ்டமாக இருக்கும்."

SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAN CHETTIAR :—"Majority-யாக பிராமணர்கள்தானே படித்திருக்கிறார்கள் . . ."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Has not the Hon. Minister given figures for the years 1943, 1944 and 1945 in reply to a question put by Mr. M. Muhammad Ismail Sahib, Leader of the Opposition, in the Assembly on 24th February 1946? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" What has that to do with this? Quite possible. I have answered many questions on this subject."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" According to those figures, have not the Muslims and Harijans secured almost cent per cent admission in those years? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I have not got those figures before me. It is difficult to answer such a question without proper notice."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Does not the Communal Government Order adversely affect the interests of Muslims? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise from this question. This question asks whether any representation was made to the Government of India and what their reply was. What is it that the hon. Member wants to know? "

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" The Muslim League Members in the Assembly wanted the abolition of admission on merit and introduce the communal rule. Therefore does not that rule adversely affect the interests of the Muslims? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Rules governing admission to Medical Colleges.

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(*c*) whether the Government intend to place the whole correspondence on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the answer given to previous question."